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1. SUMMARY. THERE HAS BEEN NO SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN THE OVERALL VOTE SPLIT IN THE PAST 24 HOURS. AMID CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION AND CONFLICTING STATEMENTS ABOUT THE NUMBER OF VOTES IN DISPUTE AND THE NATURE OF ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN EAST JAVEA, THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO "REVIEW" DISPUTED VOTE COUNTS THERE. WHILE THE PPP HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE TO ITS REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESIDENT SUHARTO, IT WILL REPORTEDLY SOON ISSUE A "POLITICAL STATEMENT." END SUMMARY.

2. WITH RETURNS CONTINUING TO TRICKLE IN VERY SOLWLY THERE HAS BEEN NO SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN THE OVERALL VOTE SPLIT. CURRENTLY, GOLKAR HAS 38.2 MILLION VOTES (61.85 PERCENT), PPP 18.2 MILLION (29.44 PERCENT) AND PDI 5.4

MILLION (8.70 PERCENT). GOLKAR HAS TAKEN BACK THE LEAD - BY A SCANT 600 VOTES - IN SOUTH KALIMANT, INCREASED ITS LEADS SUBSTANTIALLY IN MALUKU AND IRAN JAYA, AND LOST SOME GROUND IN EAST NUSATENGARA. OTHER PROVINCIAL VOTE SPLITS HAVE NOT CHANGED.

3. THE MURKY SITUATION IN EAST JAVA HAS NOT BEEN CLARIFIED BY A SERIES OF CONFUSING AND OFTEN SELF-CONTRADICTING STATEMENTS FROM A VARIETY OF PPP AND GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN ABOUT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO FAILED TO VOTE, THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS DECLARED INVALID, AND THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF VOTING/COUNTING IRREGULARITIES. TO COMPOUND THE CONFUSION, THE OFFICIAL VOTE COUNT IN EAST JAVA HAS ACTUALLY BEEN REDUCED BY ABOUT 150,000 SINCE YESTERDAY" AS "CORRECTED" RETURNS WERE RECEIVED BY THE ELECTION INSTITUTE. ACCORDING TO CURRENT FIGURES, 13.2 MILLION LEGAL VOTES HAVE BEEN CAST, REPRESENTING ABOUT 84 PERCENT OF THE 15.7 MILLION ELIGIBLE AND REGISTERED VOTERS. THE REMAINING 16 PERCENT EITHER CHOSE NOT TO VOTE, WERE DENIED THE VOTE IN SOME WAY (INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO ISSUE THEM AN OFFICIAL VOTING "INVITATION"), OR HAD THEIR BALLOTS INVALIDATED. (BY COMPARISON, THE NEARLY COMPLETE WEST JAVA RETURNS SHOW 91 PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS THERE HAVE CAST THEIR BALLOTS, WHILE IN CENTRAL JAVA, WHERE THE VOTE COUNT IS STILL CONTINUING, THE PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS PARTICIPATING HAS ALREADY REACHED THE 84 PERCENT MARK.)

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4. THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO INVESTIGATE PPP CHARGES OF IRREGULARITIES IN EAST JAVA, AND INTERIOR MINISTER AMIRMACHMUD TODAY DISPATCHED BUSTANIL ARIFIN, CHIEF OF LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ELECTION, TO TALK WITH EAST JAVA OFFICIALS AND DETERMINE WHETHER A SPECIAL RECOUNT OF VOTES IS JUSTIFIED. MEANWHILE, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, EAST JAVA GOVERNOR SUNANDAR, AFTER A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PPP AND THE OTHER TWO ELECTION CONTESTANTS, SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD "REVIEW" RESULTS FROM AREAS WHERE THE OFFICIAL COUNT IS IN DISPUTE.

5. THE PPP HAS AS YET RECEIVED NO RESPONSE TO ITS REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT ON THE EAST JAVA SITUATION. PPP CHAIRMAN MINTAREDJA TOLD THE PRESS YESTERDAY THAT HIS PARTY WOULD NONETHELESS "SOON ISSUE A POLITICAL STATEMENT." MINTAREDJA WAS UNWILLING TO DISCUSS THE CONTENTS OF THE STATEMENT, BEYOND DESCRIBING IT AS "PPP'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE ELECTIONS." NEWSOM

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